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1 From The Asst to A Hon b & A Pl Sec MRF 407-40 Lett A d 27th Aug 40 for a copy of Chin Chois letter d 27th Jul. 40 on a/c subject and recently A/c of a letter on Amalgamation is A Sch.

Subj for perusal. Reference copy of the Chin Chois letter with A/c Asst to A C-C Mest and Dirs of Pols for information and Navigation

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2. Issued Nos. 457-66/W dy 31.8.43 to the C.P.s. Cs. Adviser for information & needful action copy of Chief C.L. O's letter dy 27.7.43.

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From The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Bangalore, 27th August 1943.

Letters to relatives in the services.

Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from the Chief Civil Liaison Officer, Southern Area, Poona, to Collectors, etc., No.SA/530, dated the 27th July 1943 and to request that if there is no objection, a letter on similar lines may kindly be disseminated in the State.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT

Tcn.

Letter from the Chief Civil Liaison Officer, South-East Area, Poona, to Provincial, All D.S.P.s - Bombay, C.P. & Madras Provinces, Collectors / Deputy Commissioners all Districts / Agent D.C.P., No. 34/SCO, dated the 27th July 1942.

Letters to relatives in the services.

May I bring the following to your notice and request you to make the contents of this letter known to the families of men in the services in your district. Families have a habit of writing to their men-folk overseas telling them of various worries they have and those they anticipate which actually the man overseas or with his Unit in India is unable to deal with as -

(a) he is not on the spot,
(b) he is ignorant of the way to handle it,
(c) is far away and owing to the time lag it takes for a letter to reach him and for his reply it would be of no use-asking his help.

2. The only person who is in a position to deal with the worries these families have, is the President of the D.S.P. who has a staff of Military officers (C.L.O. and A.C.L.Os) to give him any help he requires.

3. Families should be requested not to write letters worrying their men-folk for example regarding cases that can be dealt with by the D.S.P. or by your office and that their letters should contain family news, news reference their crops and any other general news but they should not worry their men-folk with exaggerated reports regarding scarcity of food, inability of the families to make both ends meet on their family allotments, when the men generally are sending all they can. Trivial complaints which also make in most cases - as for example, a certain wife wrote to her husband that "I am receiving your allotment regularly, but due to the local disturbances the payment is made at Ther. I have to present myself for the purpose of receiving it. The proceedings through which I have to pass in obtaining the money, are tedious and expensive. In that I have to spend about a rupee in the journey to and fro and over and above this, a sum of Rs.2/- to

Rs.3/- is extracted from me when I am required there to establish my identity. Thus out of my allotment I lose about Rs.4/- to Rs.5/- a deficit which makes it impossible for me to pull on".

This case was very carefully and tactfully gone into and it was proved beyond all doubt that the wife's statement was a deliberate lie - all that actually took place was on one occasion she paid Re.1/- to a certain person for proof of identity and this was done of her own free will. If the families have any of these worries they should approach the D.S.B. immediately.

Yr.

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No. 457/36/...
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Bank Buildings,
Bombay, 31st July 1943

The Chief Secretary to the Government of [illegible]
Bombay.

The Deputy Commissioner of Karachi.

Letters to relatives in the services.

I am directed to forward herewith for your information and necessary action copy of Chief Civil Liaison Officer's letter No. [illegible]/536 dated the 27th July 1943, on the above subject, since received from the Residency.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy of letter from the Chief Civil Liaison Officer, Southern Command, Poona, to Presidents, All D.C.s-Bombay, C.P. & Berar Provinces, Collectors/ County Magistrates, All Districts without C.P.Cs., No. [illegible]/536, dated the 27th July 1943.

Letters to relatives in the services.

May I bring to your notice and request you to make the contents of this letter known to the families of men in the services in your district. Families have a habit of writing to their men-folk overseas telling them of various worries they have and those they anticipate which naturally the man overseas or with his unit in India is unable to deal with as

(a) he is not on the spot,
(b) he is ignorant of the way to handle it,
(c) it far away and going to take him days to receive a letter to reach him and for his reply it would be of no use doing him help.

2. The only person who is in a position to deal with the worries these families have, is the Commandant of the [illegible] who has a staff of Military Officers (C.L.O. and C.W.L.O.) to give him any help he requires.

3. Families should be requested not to write letters worrying their men-folk for extra leave regarding cases that can be dealt with by the C.W.L.O. or by your office and that their letters should contain family news, news reference their crops and any other general news but they should not worry their men-folk with exaggerated reports regarding scarcity of food, inability of the families to make both ends meet on their family allotments, when the men generally are sending all they can. Frivolous complaints make up entries in most cases - eg. for example, a certain wife wrote to her husband that

"I am receiving your allotment regularly, but owing to the local disturbances the payment is held up & there I have to present myself for the purpose of receiving it. The procedure through which I

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have to pass in obtaining the money, are tedious and expensive. In that I have to spend about a rupee in the journey to and fro and over and above this sum, a sum of Rs.2/- to Rs.1/- is extracted from me when I am required there to establish my identity. Thus out of my allotment I have about Rs.4/- to Rs.5/- a deficit which makes it impossible for me to pull on.

This case was very carefully and truthfully gone into and it was proved beyond all doubt that the wife's statement was deliberate fiction all that actually took place was on one occasion she paid Rs.1/- a certain person for proof of identity and then was fond of her own will. If the Police have any of those worries they should approach the D.C.P. immediately.

"Duty"